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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of  
T. MINAMI, et al.

International Application No.: PCT/JP00/08496

International Filing Date: December 1, 2000

Title: Composition For Lipstick

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

After assigning a serial number to the above-captioned application and before calculating the fee, please undertake the following changes:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the following amended Claim 3 for the original Claim 3:

3. (Amended) The lipstick composition as defined in claim 1 additionally containing (c) microcrystalline wax such that the mass ratio of the aforementioned (a) : (c) = 6 : 4-9 : 1.

Kindly add new Claim 4 as follows:

4. The lipstick composition as defined in claim 2 additionally containing (c) microcrystalline wax such that the mass ratio of the aforementioned (a) : (c) = 6 : 4-9 : 1.

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REMARKS

The amendment to Claim 3, and the addition of new Claim 4, is made to eliminate the multiple dependency and to place the claims in proper U.S. format. The effect of the foregoing amendments relates only to matters of form, and the substance of the claim remains the same. The present amendment is deemed not to add new matter.

It is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition for examination on the merits and early action and allowance thereof is accordingly respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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